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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was held on October 2, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. HB 5195: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.
 2. HB 5226: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.
 3. Heard testimony on Algae Bloom in Lake Erie.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The attendance was recorded as follows: Chairman Hune, Sens. Booher, Emmons and Hansen, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2014 meeting. Sen. Booher so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion to excuse absent members. Sen. Emmons so moved, and without objection, absent members were excused.

The Chairman invited Rep. LaFontaine to summarize HB 5195 for the committee.

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5195, but did not wish to speak:

- Brett Griffis, Michigan Meat Association – Support

The Chairman invited Rep. McBroom to summarize HB 5226 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 5226:

- Trevor VanDyke, DNR – Neutral

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5226, but did not wish to speak:

- Andrew Vermeesh, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5195 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Booher so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Booher, Emmons and Hansen

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Smith

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5195. Sen. Hansen so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5226 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Booher so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Booher, Emmons and Hansen

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Smith

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5226. Sen. Emmons so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Director Jamie Clover Adams and Jan Wilford, MAEAP Program Manager, from MDARD to provide testimony regarding algae bloom in Lake Erie.

The Chairman invited Bill Creal from the Dept. of Environmental Quality to provide further testimony regarding algae bloom in Lake Erie.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairman Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:35 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 12/4/14

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)